

Fast Facts About...

Suicide

- Suicide is the third leading cause of death among young people age 15 to 24. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or CDC)
- Of the total number of suicides among persons age 15 to 24, 86 percent are male and 14 percent are female. (CDC)
- Suicide is the eighth leading cause of death for all American men. (CDC)
- Males are four times more likely to die from suicide than females. Suicide rates are highest among White males and second highest among American Indian and Native Alaskan males. (CDC)
- Sixty percent of reported suicide deaths among men involve the use of a firearm. (CDC)
- Women report attempting suicide during their lifetime about three times as often as men. (CDC)
- Of those Americans over the age of 65 who commit suicide, 85 percent are men and 15 percent are women. (CDC)

If you are in crisis, please call:
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
(800) 273-TALK (800-273-8255)
www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

For more information, contact:
SAMHSA's National Mental Health Information Center
(800) 789-2647
www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Center for Mental Health Services
www.samhsa.gov

Resources For...

Suicide

American Association of Suicidology (AAS)

5221 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20015

Local: (202) 237-2280

Toll-free: (800) 273-8255

www.suicidology.org

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)

120 Wall Street, 22nd Floor

New York, NY 10005

Local: (212) 363-3500

Toll-free: (888) 333-2377

www.afsp.org

American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP)

3615 Wisconsin Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20016-3007

Local: (202) 966-7300

Toll-free: (800) 333-7636

www.aacap.org

American Psychiatric Association (APA)

1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1825

Arlington, VA 22209-3901

Local: (703) 907-7300

Toll-free: (888) 357-7924

www.psych.org

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)

Colonial Place Three

2107 Wilson Blvd., Suite 300

Arlington, VA 22201-3042

Local: (703) 524-7600

Toll-free: (800) 950-NAMI (6264)

TDD: (703) 516-7227

www.nami.org

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC)

Mailstop K60

4770 Buford Highway

Atlanta, GA 30341-3724

(770) 488-4362

www.cdc.gov/ncipc/factsheets/suifacts.htm

National Mental Health Association (NMHA)

2001 N. Beauregard Street, 12th Floor

Alexandria, VA 22311

Local: (703) 684-7722

Toll-free: (800) 969-NMHA (6642)

TTY: (800) 433-5959

www.nmha.org

These are just a few of the many resources available.

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